

SWEET
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COLLEGE



Field Hockey

Sweet Briar Field Hockey: A Tradition of Excellence

In 1909, Sweet Briar students were among the first nationwide to play the "new" sport of field hockey. Ten years later, in 1919, the Vixens defeated Westhampton College in the first women's intercollegiate athletic contest in Virginia.

Long-time coach Harriet Rogers produced top-quality teams year after year, and the tradition of excellence has continued under the tutelage of Jennifer Crispen, who will begin her 14th year of coaching at Sweet Briar in the fall of 1990. Professor Crispen is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and Smith College, and has taught at Skidmore and Mount Holyoke. As a player, she was a member of the United States Squad, and has played in international matches against Germany, Canada, Wales, Holland, England and Great Britain. Her coaching experience includes a stint in the Olympic Development Program as an Elite Squad Coach, three Olympic Festivals, "A," "B," and "C" Camps and years of work in private camps, including Merestead, Cape Cod, and the Poconos. As chair of the United States Coaching Committee, Professor Crispen was responsible for the initiation of the first U.S. Coaching Certification Program. She brings to her Sweet Briar teams a world of experience, and is noted for her ability to develop individual players as well as top quality teams. It is that attention to individuals, from less skilled players to All-Americans, that characterizes the Sweet Briar approach.

Eighty-one years have passed since Miss Cara Gascoigne first talked about students participating in "the gentle art of knocking a rubber ball down the field without being massacred on the way," and field hockey is a Sweet Briar tradition. The "gentle art" is gentle no more, but art nonetheless.



Sweet Briar Field Hockey: For the Record

Division:

NCAA Division III

Conference:

Old Dominion Athletic
Conference (ODAC)

Nickname:

Vixens

Colors:

Forest green and pink

National Tournaments:

1981 AIAW

State Tournaments:

1977-1981 VAIWA

ODAC Final Four:

1982-1988

ODAC Finals:

1982, 1983, 1985

ODAC Player-of-the-Year:

Missy Ackerman '87
Monica Mahoney '89

All-Regional Selections:

Andrea Lawrence '85
Carolyn Williams '85
Madge Hall '85
Shannon Kuehlwein '86
(1984, 1985)
Cornelia Woodworth '86
Lee Carroll '87 (1984, 1985)
Missy Ackerman '87 (1985,
1986)
Mollee Buckingham '87
Lloys Frates '88
Monica Mahoney '89 (1985,
1986, 1987, 1988)
Amy Ottaway '89
Jennifer Gregg '91

All-America Selections:

Mary Earle McElroy '84
Lee Carroll '87
Cornelia Woodworth '86
Missy Ackerman '87
Monica Mahoney '89 (1987,
1988)

Academic All-America Selections:

Monica Mahoney '89 (1987,
1988)
Jennifer Gregg '91

Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Award:

Monica Mahoney '89

Coach:

Jennifer Crispen



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